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#### **HERE IS WHAT'S HAPPENING on the FARM, SUSTAINABILITY & GREEN ACTION FUND**

- The merger of the UCCS Farm and Office of Sustainability is in progress, with plans for integration and new cross-program collaborations advancing this summer.
- Strategic Planning for AY 25: The Office of Sustainability is aligning current programs with UCCS 2030 Sustainability Strategic Plan and STARS advancement goals. A team retreat is scheduled for late July to finalize annual planning and the calendar.
- STARS Manual Updates: STARS reporting documentation from the last period is being prepared to assist PMs in achieving Platinum advancement in 2027 with the launch of STARS 3. 3.0.
- Power BI & Website Upgrades: Enhanced transparency and reporting on campus sustainability data and the Office of Sustainability website.
- 2026 Sustainability Summit Mini Session – Fall Speaker Series: Early planning and framework development are underway to shift the annual summit to the fall of each academic year. A placeholder speaker series is planned for this fall, with a spring celebration to adjust the timeline.
- Relaunch of the UCCS Bicycle Advocacy Committee and assistance with Bike to Work Day outreach for the event on June 25th. We are seeking to fill leadership and membership positions (email [mj.johnson@uccs.edu](mailto:mj.johnson@uccs.edu)).
- Waste Diversion & “Every Bin Counts” Campaign: Engagement and education on waste reduction and campus diversion strategies. We are looking for a permanent solution for battery and e-waste.
- Grants & Funding Development: Actively researching external funding opportunities aligned with the UCCS 2030 SSP and STARS priorities and to support the Office of Sustainability and Farm toward achieving those goals.
- Green Action Fund (GAF) is collaborating with the Office of Sustainability team to integrate shared events, outreach, and resource planning for AY25. GAF leadership transition planning and project pipeline development will continue through the summer with Polly Knutson serving as Staff Advisor.

#### **• Upcoming Events**

- Farm Volunteer Days: June 12-14 from 8 – 10am
- Bike to Work Day: June 25
- Farmers Market kickoff Friday, June 27 from 12 – 4pm in Lot 103
  - Will be held every other Friday
- Green Team Retreat: July (dates pending)

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#### HERE IS WHAT'S HAPPENING on CAMPUS PROJECTS

- **Anschutz Engineering Center**
  - Completion of the remaining punch list corrections is ongoing. The utility repair work on the north side is nearing completion. Both University Center and Anschutz Engineering Center buildings are open and available for use.
- **Engineering & Applied Science Building Renovation**
  - The design team is nearing completion of the Construction Documents, and the construction team is bidding the work to establish an initial guaranteed maximum price. Construction is expected to be completed in 2 phases starting late August 2025 for 2 years. Office swing space to support academic operations through the project schedule is being confirmed and prepped.
  - The construction of additional classroom space on the 2nd floor of Kramer Family Library has begun and will be finished fall of 2025.
- **Campus Elevator Modernizations**
  - The following elevators will be out of service during these timeframes:
    - Main Hall Elevator 1 – May 2025 to July 2025
    - Main Hall Elevator 2 – July 2025 to September 2025
    - Dwire Hall – May 2025 to July 2025
    - Campus Services Building - July 2025 to September 2025
- **Campus Lactation Spaces**
  - Dwire Hall – Painting, signage and ADA hardware coming soon.
  - University Center – Location for a Mamava Pod is being discussed.
- **Columbine Hall Upgrade Controls**
  - VAV replacement and building controls project is ongoing. Construction will continue through the summer and is anticipated to be completed by end of July.
- **Cragmor Hall ADA Modifications**
  - The contractor is finalizing last items. Additional site work around building is anticipated late summer.
- **University Hall – Nursing Interior Renovation**
  - Construction will be done in three phases with overall project completion in September 2025.
    - Phase 1 is currently in progress and is expected to be completed by June 27.
    - Phase 2 will run from June 30 to July 21.
    - Phase 3 will run from July 22 to August 21.

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- **Sidewalk from Alpine Garage to Hybl**
  - The sidewalk will be open June 9. Construction crews will be on site finishing up. Please use caution and follow signs and instruction on the work site.
- **University Hall Boiler Replacement**
  - Work is progressing and anticipated to be complete by the end of June.
- **Building Retro-Commissioning**
  - In partnership with Colorado Springs Utilities and their Commercial Building Efficiency Program, eight (8) campus building will be undergoing Retro-Commissioning projects. These buildings include: Centennial Hall, Ent Center for the Arts, Gallogly Recreation & Wellness Center, Hybl Sports Medicine and Performance Center, Lane Center, Osborne Center for Science and Engineering, University Center and University Hall.
  - These projects will look to reduce utility and operational costs, as well as improve indoor air quality and system reliability and operations.
- **El Pomar Center / Kraemer Family Library Chiller and Controls**
  - The Controls project work has begun.
  - The Chiller project will mobilize mid-September. During this project, the buildings will need to remain CLOSED from **11/24/25 to 12/1/25** to facilitate the demolition and removal of the existing chiller. The chiller is exceptionally large and requires a crane to lift it over the buildings' roof. Due to the crane's setup and its impact on traffic flow, the parking lot will also be closed during this time. Please note that the building closure dates represent a worst-case scenario, and we may not need to remain closed on Monday, December 1st.
- **Water Infiltration Repairs**
  - Osborne Center: The work on the exterior metal panels on the west side of the building is still in progress.
- **Downtown Expansion**
  - This project is in partnership with Norwood Development Group. The space is anticipated to be ready for Spring 2026.
- **D-11 CSST at Cybersecurity Building**
  - Project is well underway and tracking to open for Fall semester 2025.
- **Main Hall Boiler Replacement**
  - Project is awarded and contract is in process. Construction is anticipated to begin June 16<sup>th</sup> with completion in September. Construction will impact building temperatures as some spaces may be cooler due to no heating available in the building. Construction activity will be active in the northwest parking lot near the mechanical room.

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